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# S. 1139

To establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2007

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To establish the National Landscape Conservation System,  
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Landscape  
5 Conservation System Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1           (2) SYSTEM.—The term “system” means the  
 2       National Landscape Conservation System estab-  
 3       lished by section 3(a).

4   **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE**  
 5                   **CONSERVATION SYSTEM.**

6       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to conserve, protect,  
 7       and restore nationally significant landscapes that have  
 8       outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for  
 9       the benefit of current and future generations, there is es-  
 10      tablished in the Bureau of Land Management the Na-  
 11      tional Landscape Conservation System.

12      (b) COMPONENTS.—The system shall include each of  
 13      the following areas administered by the Bureau of Land  
 14      Management:

- 15           (1) Each area that is designated as—
- 16                   (A) a national monument;
  - 17                   (B) a national conservation area;
  - 18                   (C) an outstanding natural area;
  - 19                   (D) a wilderness study area;
  - 20                   (E) a component of the National Trails
  - 21                   System;
  - 22                   (F) a component of the National Wild and
  - 23                   Scenic Rivers System; or
  - 24                   (G) a component of the National Wilder-
  - 25                   ness Preservation System.

1           (2) Any area designated by Congress to be ad-  
2 ministered for conservation purposes, including—

3           (A) the Steens Mountain Cooperative Man-  
4 agement and Protection Area, as designated  
5 under section 101(a) of the Steens Mountain  
6 Cooperative Management and Protection Act of  
7 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460nnn–11(a));

8           (B) the Headwaters Forest Reserve; and

9           (C) any additional area designated by Con-  
10 gress for inclusion in the system.

11       (c) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall manage the  
12 system—

13           (1) in accordance with any applicable law (in-  
14 cluding regulations) relating to any component of  
15 the system included under subsection (b); and

16           (2) in a manner that protects the values for  
17 which the components of the system were des-  
18 ignated.

19 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
21 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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